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A VIRTUAL DEALER AND VIRTUAL CARDS

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) or (c)**

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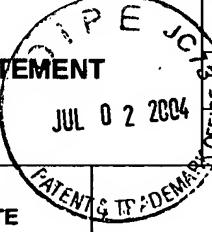
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